

Town of La Pointe Planning and Zoning Town Plan Commission Public Hearing Minutes October 9, 2013

Town Plan Commission (TPC) Members Present: Ted Pallas, Chair, Charles Brummer, Vice-Chair, Suellen Soucek, , Joan Martin, Carey Baxter, Greg Thury, Margie Denton (7).

Town Plan Commission members absent: None.

Public Present: Holly Tourdot, Ron Madich, Beth Fischlowitz, Paul Brummer, Pete Rogers, Jim Rogers, Charlie Meech, Mike Starck, David Thomas, Kate, Bortell, Mary Ross, James Patterson, Barbara With, Arnie Nelson, Greg Nelson, Meg Brown, Martin Curry, Niles Norton, Sarah Norton. (19).

Town Staff Members Present: Lisa Potswald, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Pete Clark, Town Administrator (2).

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Pallas called the Meeting to order at 5:00 PM to hear public comment on text changes. Members present or absent as recorded on the sign in sheet.

II. Posting

Chair Pallas asks for confirmation of posting. L. Potswald, Zoning Administrator, responds yes. Chair Pallas asks if everything was properly posted. L. Potswald, responds that yes, the agenda was posted properly.

III. Public Comment

The Commission has received two signed letters and two emails in response to this Public Hearing. The Chair advises the public that the signed letters will be read aloud into the record after public comments. Chair Pallas asks for public comment.

Pete Rogers states that he is in favor of the change. He states that there are many unclear words, and recommends a grammatical change: page 75, B – remove “more” from “more summary procedure”.

Barb With asked if she could ask a question. Chair Pallas responded that the hearing is for taking comments. The changes are a resolution passed by the Town Board, so if there are questions, they should be directed to the Town Board. The public hearing is for input.

Mike Starck states that he was planning to say the same things as in Beth Fischlowitz’s letter. He is in favor of the change, but does not think the five year time line (page 76, first sentence) is appropriate. Things change quicker than five years, so five years is too long. Owners can petition to change their Conditional Use Permit at any time; this should be the same way.

Charlie Meech states that he is totally in favor of the change.

Meg Brown states that she is opposed to the change, and that it is a recipe for corruption.

Jim Rogers states that he is in favor of the change.

Arnie Nelson states that he is in favor of the change.

Paul Brummer reads a letter into the minutes. He refers to an application for a Conditional Use Permit for an event center in Cable, Wisconsin. He requests a denial of all 3 changes.

Mary Ross states that she is opposed to the changes, that it will turn a land use decision into a political decision.

Hearing no additional public comment, Chair Pallas states that there are two letters to read into the minutes. Town Plan Commissioner Greg Thury reads the following letters into the record:

- Letter from **Beth Fischlowitz** dated September 25, 2013 in support of the changes.
- Letter from **Jennifer Croonborg Murphy** dated October 9, 2013 stating opposition to the changes.

Commissioner Thury states that two emails were also received from:

- **Cheri Santay**
- **Tom Nelson**

They will be submitted as part of the minutes to the public record.

Chair Pallas asks if there any other public comments.

Chair Pallas states that the next step will be for the Town Plan Commission to meet in the next few weeks and discuss what they heard. It will probably be held on October 23.

X. Adjournment

G. Thury moves to adjourn. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries. Meeting ends at 5:15 pm.

Town Plan Commission Public Hearing minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Potswald, Planning and Zoning Administrator, on Thursday, October 10, 2013.